



City of Clay
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 15, 2011

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama met in regular session on Monday, August 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clay Community Center. Mayor McGuffie presided and City Clerk Bobby Christmas served as recorder.

Mayor McGuffie called the meeting to order and Councilman Webster opened in prayer.

Councilman Webster led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following:

Councilman L. B. Feemster
Councilwoman Becky Johnson
Councilman Charles Webster

Councilwoman Jackie Hambrick
Councilman Kevin Small
Mayor Ed McGuffie

Absent: None

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting and Regular Council meeting minutes of August 1, 2011. Councilman Small made a motion to approve the Pre-Council meeting minutes and Regular Council meeting minutes of August 1, 2011, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the minutes of the special called meeting of August 8, 2011. Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the special called meeting of August 8, 2011, which was seconded by Councilman Small and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda. Councilwoman Hambrick made a motion to approve the meeting agenda which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Feemster made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Webster and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Under **Scheduled Public Comments**, Mayor McGuffie recognized Mr. Taylor Steele, Turkey Creek Nature Preserve, and Ms. Hana Burwinkle, Jefferson County Land Development. Ms. Burwinkle introduced a campaign they are launching for Clean Water Awareness. Mr. Steele handed out information on the programs they want to promote as a part of the Clean Water Awareness. She stated they were here tonight to ask for help spreading the word on Clean Water Awareness. Mr. Steele stated this was a common sense approach to cut down litter and goes hand in hand with the recycle program.



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Jefferson County Commissioner Joe Knight was recognized and gave an update on the proposal the County Commission has received from the creditors in New York. He passed out a copy of the proposal to the Mayor and Council members. Commissioner Knight explained that the commission members have been left out and needs to be a part of the negotiations with the creditors. He stated the commission was resolved to do the very best that will benefit the citizens of Jefferson County to end this issue even if it requires Chapter 9 bankruptcy. He explained the difficulty that comes with filing bankruptcy.

Mayor McGuffie introduced Mr. Lynn Burch, Building Inspections Superintendent, to open bids for playground equipment at the ball park. Mr. Burch explained that four invitations to bid were sent out and two were returned. He opened the bid submitted by J. A. Dawson and announced their bid to be \$69,211.00. He opened and announced the bid submitted by Kidz Zone Play Systems to be \$83,769.00. Mr. Burch explained that there were 48 items included in the bid and they will be checked out and the bid will be awarded at the next City Council meeting.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees** Councilman Feemster was recognized for a report from the **Public Safety Committee**. He reported that a deputy will be added on the weekends as a result of several burglaries that have occurred recently. He stated there will be more intense policing of the city to try to curtail the burglaries that are going on.

Councilman Feemster recognized Deputy Terry Scott who reported that there was a burglary in the Steeple Chase sub-division where copper was stolen. He also reported some burglaries on Cherry Drive and in that section. The Mayor encouraged everyone to lock their cars. Councilman Feemster and Deputy Scott encouraged everyone to call if they see anything that may look suspicious.

Councilwoman Hambrick was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Community Development, Environmental, Historical, Library and Seniors**. She informed every one of the adult reading program to be held tomorrow night at the Community Center. Councilwoman Hambrick reported that they were still working on plans for a fence around the Wear Cemetery.

Councilwoman Hambrick recognized Mr. Guy Scott for a report from the Seniors Center. Mr. Scott reported that there would be a Hawaiian luau Wednesday at the Seniors Center.

Under **Committee on Annexation, Business, Census, Planning & Zoning and Schools**, Councilwoman Johnson was recognized and reported that the Chamber of Commerce luncheon would be tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center. She stated the Clay and Pinson Deputies would be speaking, as well as, Sgt. Allison over the Neighborhood Watch program would be here. Also, she stated that Sheriff Hale would be present.

Councilwoman Johnson announced that the schools started back uneventfully and last Sunday afternoon there was a prayer walk around Chalkville Elementary School that was headed up by First Baptist Church Chalkville, the Discovery Club and the school.



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Councilman Small was recognized for a report from the **Committee on Building Inspections, Sanitation, Streets and Utilities**. Councilman Small reported that a contract has been signed for repairs on Shadow Lake Drive and the work has been scheduled.

Councilman Webster was recognized for a report from the **Parks and Recreation Committee**. and reported on the following: (1) work has started on the walking trail around Cosby Lake which, when completed, will be over one mile. (2) He announced that Fox 6 news will be at the lake on September 6 showcasing the Fresh Water Land Trust 'Our One Mile' program and invited everyone to attend. (3) He stated the construction on the bridges at Cosby Lake should start around September 6 and take about three weeks to complete. (4) Councilman Webster reported that the construction on the concession stand should be completed soon and hopefully for football season. (5) He reported that there would be a singing at the Community Center on the 4th Saturday and invited everyone to attend. (6) He explained that a gate had been installed at the spill way to keep fish from going over the spill way. (7) He reported that 300 fish would be put in the lake next Monday to help clean up the weeds.

Under **Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc.** Mayor McGuffie announced there was nothing to report.

Under the **City Clerk's Report**, City Clerk Bobby Christmas reported that the account balances in the 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$59,063.83; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$73,766.52 AmFund Account = \$141,395.52; Capital Improvement Fund = \$546,864.20; Concession Stand = \$4,668.56; Contractors Bond = \$43,375.76; General Fund = \$474,894.07; Library Fund = \$12,358.94; and Senior Citizens Fund = \$7,030.44.

Under **Resolutions, Ordinances, Orders and Other Business** Mayor McGuffie called for a motion to enter into Unanimous Consent. Councilman Feemster made a motion to suspend the regular rules of order and enter into Unanimous Consent which was seconded by Councilman Webster.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2011 – 21, A Resolution Declaring Weeds to be a Public Nuisance and to Eliminate a Nuisance upon Private Property, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilman Small made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 - 21 which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:



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Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie introduced Resolution 2011 – 22, A Resolution to Surplus City Property, which was read by City Clerk Bobby Christmas.

Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 2011 - 22 which was seconded by Councilwoman Hambrick.

That the motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Council members Feemster, Hambrick, Johnson, Small, Webster and Mayor McGuffie

Nays: None

Mayor McGuffie called an end to Unanimous Consent and called for any **Public Comments**.

Mr. Ben Thackerson, Park Board Chairman, was recognized and asks what would be used during football season if the portable concession stand is sold. Councilman Webster explained that the Health Department had stated this concession stand could not be used. Councilwoman Hambrick requested the value of this concession stand and how it would be sold. The Mayor reported that it was purchased for around \$22,000 and that it would be placed on govdeals.com where we have sold surplus property in the past. Councilman Small asks where the money from the sale of this property would go and Mayor McGuffie responded that it would go to the Park.

Mayor McGuffie called for any further Public Comments and there were none.

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Mayor McGuffie announced that the next City Council meeting would be Tuesday September 6, 2011.

Councilman Webster made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Christmas
City Clerk